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1. IN ANSWER TO A WRITTEN PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION, INDUSTRY SECRETARY BENN HAS AGAIN STATED THAT THE UKG IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE RB 211 ENGINE UP TO A LEVEL OF 50,000 POUNDS OF THRUST FOR USE ON THE BOEING 747 PROVIDED A FURTHER MAJOR ORDER IS OB-TAINED IN ADDITION TO THE ORDER WHICH BRITISH AIRWAYS HAS INDIC RT#IS WILLING TO PLACE. BENN ALSO DESCRIBED

THE AMOUNT OF GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT ALREADY COMMITTED TO ROLLS-ROYCE TO DEVELOP THE RB 211 FROM 42,000 TO 48,000 POUNDS THRUST TO POWER THE ADVANCED LOCKHEED TRISTAR. BENN SAID THE ESTIMATED LAUNCHING COST FOR THE RB 211-524 IS POUNDS 45 MILLION AT 1973 PRICES. THE UKG WILL MAKE AGREED PHASED CONTRIBUTIONS UP TO 1978 WHICH, INCLUDING PAYMENT ALREADY MADE, WILL BU HOWEVER, WILL BE SUBJECT TO ESCALATION BASED ON COST INCREASES AFTER 1975.

2. SHORTLY AFTER BENN'S STATEMENT, ROLLS-ROYCE ANNOUNCED
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THAT IT HOPED TO BE ABLE TO DEVELOP THE THRUST RATING OF

THE ENGINE TO 55,000 POUNDS. NO COST ESTIMATES FOR THIS FURTHER PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WERE MADE. NEITHER DID THE COMPANY INDICATE HOW IT HOPED TO ACHIEVE THE HIGH THRUST RATING ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT IT HOPES TO BE ABLE TO OPERATE THE ENGINE AT HIGHER TEMPERATURES.

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